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Dear Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC) Members

The next GAC meeting on August 5th, 2005 quickly approaches. With its approach the co-chairs have directed me to send out this letter. The co-chairs feel the need to suggest/set forth a structure for the meeting which hopefully will optimize everyone's time investment.

The meeting structure will be that of a working meeting in that all of the GAC members will, if they choose, align themselves with one or both of our two technical workgroups. The workgroups membership will be finalized (see attachment 1) and will then simultaneously meet.

The two workgroups will be tasked with developing a preliminary prioritized task list of work issues for their respective workgroup. Some tasks that must be addressed are attached to this letter. These preliminary prioritized lists will be brought back to the reconvened GAC meeting. (see attached agenda) The GAC then will amend or endorse the lists and direct each subgroup on timelines associated with the lists

No doubt that this will be a very productive meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Jill D. Jonas, Director Bureau of Drinking Water & Groundwater Division of Water



Attachment 1

Names put forth for additional technical workgroup members to be considered under #5 of the agenda.

- 1) John Coleman, Environmental Section Leader, Great lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- 2) Don Reed, Chief Biologist, SEWRPC
- 3) Jake Vander Zanden, Professor, UW Center for Limnology
- 4) Jeff Nania, Executive Director of Wisconsin Waterfowl Association
- 5) Jacob Macholl, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Topics for Workgroups Preliminary Prioritized Task List under #8 of the agenda

- 1) Define Significant Adverse Environmental Impact
- 2) Provide Definition of a Spring
- 3) Define Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs) in Northeast & Southeast Wisconsin
- 4) Identify GMAs in other parts of the State
- 5) Options for Managing GMAs